

STRONG ARMY BILL COMING

Within Three Weeks Is to
Go on the House
Calendar

REPUBLICANS SO INFORM WILSON

All Opposed to the Conti-
nental Plan for
Army

Washington, Feb. 12.—Republicans of the House military committee assure President Wilson that a strong army increase bill, drafted in a non-partisan spirit and accomplishing all the main objects sought by the war department plan, will be on the House calendar within three weeks at most. They told him, however, that the committee was virtually unanimous in opposition to the department's continental army scheme. The only difference of opinion was on the question of the continental army. The president was informed that while the committee opposed the continentals, a scheme was in process of formulation by which the members felt certain the National Guard could be welded into an effective instrument of national defense and brought up to the strength believed necessary by military experts.

Mr. Wilson stated his own preference for the continental plan. He made no effort, however, the White House visitors said later, to sway them in their opinions beyond stating his own belief, based on that of his military advisers, that the state troops would not serve national needs as efficiently as the proposed purely federal force would do. The only urgency in the president's remarks, it was stated, was his plea for quick congressional action to put the country in a state of adequate defense, based on a sound military policy, and his desire that party politics be not allowed to cloud what he considered a vital national issue. He found his hearers in hearty accord with him in both desires.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla goes to the seat of the trouble, purifies the blood, and is so successful that it is known as the best remedy for catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and tones the whole system. It builds up. Ask your druggist for Hood's, and insist on having it. There is no real substitute.—Adv.

HE HASN'T YET BEEN SUMMONED

Charles S. Mellen, Former President of
New Haven, Not Called to Testify
in the Brandeis Hearing.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Whether to call Charles S. Mellen and others connected with the New Haven railroad affairs to testify in the investigation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court bench, was considered by the Senate sub-committee Thursday. Mr. Barron had suggested that Mr. Mellen and some lawyers could throw light on his allegation that Mr. Brandeis once attempted to "wreck the New Haven road."

"The committee has decided to communicate with the witnesses suggested by Mr. Barron in the various cases, including Mr. Mellen," said Senator Fletcher.

"If we find that they can throw any light on matters under consideration they will be summoned."

"There is no use summoning a lot of men here unless they can offer substantial testimony."

S. W. Winslow, of the United Shoe Machinery company, will be called to give testimony regarding Mr. Brandeis' former connection with that company when the hearing is resumed Tuesday.

Whitlock Best Man.

London, Feb. 12.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, was best man at the wedding yesterday in Brussels of Charles Charstains of Philadelphia, a member of the Belgium committee, and Helene Guinotte, the daughter of the Burgomaster of the Belgian town of Bellecourt, in the province of Hainaut.

BRITAIN WON'T DISARM SHIPS

Hopes Washington Will Not
Change Policy
Now

MAY BOYCOTT US IF WE DO

State Department Considers
New U-Boat Prob-
lem

London, Feb. 12.—New issues, as grave as those revolving about the sinking of the Lusitania, may arise between the United States and the central powers, officials here declared yesterday, as the result of the German announcement that all enemy armed merchantmen will be treated as warships and torpedoed without warning after Feb. 20.

Austria, according to an Amsterdam despatch yesterday, has handed to the American ambassador at Vienna a note almost identical in text with the German communication.

It was stated on reliable authority yesterday that England and her allies under no circumstances will yield the right to arm merchantmen for defensive purposes, a practice recognized by all nations. It is not believed here that the United States, having already recognized this right, will change her policy in the middle of a great war.

Should a German or an Austrian submarine, acting under the new instructions, torpedo without warning and sink a British or French liner carrying American passengers, the United States, it is believed here, will take prompt and decisive action.

"Plea for Piracy."

The text of the German memorandum reached London too late for lengthy comment in the morning papers. The newspapers, with headings such as "New Plea for Piracy," declared that the Germans were about to begin a new campaign of frightfulness with utter disregard for international law and humanity. They expressed the opinion that the submarine dispute between Germany and the United States, far from being settled, is suddenly reopened by an announcement of the new German policy.

"The German memorandum," says The Times, "is a complaint against the perfectly legitimate and long practiced right of our merchantmen to carry guns for defense. Germany has thus raised the whole question of submarine warfare affecting neutrals."

The United States, it is believed in official circles here, will protest to Germany against the enforcement of the new policy before it goes into effect. In some quarters it was suggested that a way out of the difficulty might be found by a suggestion from the United States that England pledge herself to use guns aboard merchantmen only for defensive purposes. Under a similar pledge by Italy, Italian liners were recently allowed to enter and leave the New York harbor while armed.

It was hinted here that possibly President Wilson had been informed in advance that Germany contemplated such an announcement, and that it was this knowledge that led him to declare on his recent tour that he did not know what America's international relations might be to-morrow.

Both the British and French foreign offices, it is well known, have informed Secretary Lansing that they could not comply with his suggestion that their merchantmen be disarmed.

DROPS INDICTMENTS AGAINST SIEGEL

District Attorney Pelletier Also Discon-
tinues Larceny Charges Against
Frank E. Vogel, Siegel's
Boston Manager.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The three indictments charging Henry Siegel, department store owner, and his Boston manager, Frank E. Vogel, with larceny in 202 counts, have been dropped by order of District Attorney Pelletier.

The reason is that Siegel has served sentence in New York one year, after a long, expensive trial, and because District Attorney Pelletier has received for the local Siegel bank depositors an additional payment so that they will have the same as was given to the depositors in the New York bank.

CHEERS FOR WHITLOCK.

Most Popular American on London
Movie Screen.

London, Feb. 12.—Under the caption, "Two Distinguished Americans," movie theatres in London are now showing pictures of Col. House and Minister Brand Whitlock. The crowds display polite interest in Col. House but break into applause when Whitlock's face appears on the screen.

Because of his efforts to save Nurse Cavell in Brussels, Whitlock is perhaps the most popular American in London.

To Tie Up Trade.

New York, Feb. 12.—Union leaders in charge of the needle workers' strike in this city yesterday declared that an attempt would be made to tie up the trade all over the country in an effort to standardize the industry in all sections.

Harvard's Oldest Grad.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 12.—Dr. James Lloyd Wellington, the oldest living graduate of Harvard university and the senior alumnus of the Harvard Medical school, died yesterday at his home in Swansea. On Jan. 27 last Dr. Wellington observed his 98th birthday anniversary.

Yaquis Captured.

Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 12.—The capture of a large number of Yaqui Indians and the dispersal of the remainder of a band of several hundred that raided San Fernando, Sonora, several days ago, has been effected by troops under command of Col. James Aguirre, according to advices received here yesterday.

EVEN CROSS, SICK CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF FIGS

If Feverish, Bilious, Constipated, Give
Fruit Laxative at
Once

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach ache, indigestion, diarrhea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, mother! A little given to-day saves a sick child to-morrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember, there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.—Adv.

TO ALLOW APPAM TO REMAIN HERE INDEFINITELY

United States Has Reached This Deci-
sion, Though Formal Announce-
ment Will Be Made Later.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Disposition of the British liner Appam, brought into Hampton Roads by a German prize crew, has been decided upon by the United States and will be announced later. While there is no official confirmation, the indications are that the ship will be permitted to remain in American waters as a prize of the Germans indefinitely, under the terms of the Prussian-American treaty.

HALF-CENTURY INVALID PASSED ON YESTERDAY

Mollie Fancher, Who Eight Days Ago
Celebrated Semi-Centennial of Her
Helplessness, Died in
Brooklyn.

New York, Feb. 11.—Mollie Fancher, who celebrated her golden jubilee as an invalid eight days ago, died to-day in Brooklyn. In 1886, when she was 17 years of age, Miss Fancher was thrown from a horse and injured. One year later she was the victim of a street car accident which deprived her of the use of all her limbs except her right arm.

KILLED BY SPLINTER.

Mill Workman at Wolfboro, N. H., the
Victim.

Wolfboro, N. H., Feb. 11.—Whalan Whittier was instantly killed and three other men barely escaped yesterday when a board Whittier was sawing from a log in the Stephen Clow sawmill shot back and flew in pieces.

A splinter two feet long and two inches wide struck Mr. Whittier behind the right ear, passing entirely through the head. His hat was thrown 20 feet across the mill and hung on a nail. Some of the flying pieces of board came within an inch of the heads of three other employees and their legs were bruised by the shower of splinters. The machine was damaged.

The cause of the accident is a mystery. Medical Referee Dr. W. J. Horne of Conway instructed Dr. Clow of this place to view the body, which was later turned over to an undertaker and later taken home.

Mr. Whittier was 29 years old and has been a resident of Wolfboro seven years. He leaves a wife and two children.

BIG MILK INDUSTRY.

About Four Carloads a Day are Shipped
from Rutland.

Rutland is the center and headquarters of a great industry of which most of its citizens are in entire ignorance.

From this territory, which extends from Burlington east and south to Bennington and Bellows Falls, is shipped daily at present four cars of milk or an aggregate of about 40,000 quarts. This means that about \$1,000 a day is being received by the farmers of this section for milk. The company which is handling this output is C. Brigham & Co., of Boston and the man at the head of the enterprise in this field is District Manager J. M. Copley, who has held this office for a year and who has been connected with the company in Vermont for three years.

While the amount of milk shipped at present averages 40,000 quarts a day, at times it is increased to 60,000. This surplus, for as such it must be handled at all times, because the Boston market has to be based on the lowest amount produced as the city trade must always be furnished with the amount ordered, creates another industry in this state and the company has several cheese and butter plants in its territory. To Rutland from January 6 to 14, about 10,000 quarts of milk were sent daily and from this amount 1,000 pounds of cheese was turned out each day.

Factories Operated in Vermont.
There is also a plant at Wallingford for butter and cheese, one at East Dorset for cheese and one at North Ferrisburgh for butter and cheese, besides the ones at Rutland and at Leicester Junction.

This last plant brings out a phase of the problem that the company has to deal with, and which is often a great expense to the owners. All butter and cheese sent to Boston from these plants come in under the supervision of the Boston inspectors and the care taken with the products necessitates the highest type of cleanliness and purity.

C. of C. President.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—R. G. Rhett, former mayor of Charleston, S. C., yesterday was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. All other officers were re-elected.

RUSSIA TO RAISE \$1,000,000,000 MORE

Government Is About to Issue a New
Interior Loan, Petrograd
Press Reports.

Petrograd (via London), Feb. 12.—The newspapers of this city report that the government has decided to issue in the near future a new interior loan of 2,000,000,000 rubles at five per cent, under the same conditions as the preceding one.

Under normal exchange conditions, the equivalent in American money of two billion rubles would be approximately \$1,000,000,000. The preceding Russian loan, issued last November, was for 1,000,000,000 rubles. It was sold at 95, pays 5 1/2 per cent, and runs for ten years.

MOSTLY BOOK ACCOUNTS

Among Assets of the Vermont & Chicago
Granite Company.

Rutland, Feb. 12.—The Vermont & Chicago Granite company of Hardwick, against which an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed recently in the office of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court in this city, has given out a schedule of its financial standing. The liabilities are stated as \$30,789.65, including \$21,256.72 in secured claims and \$9,532.93 in unsecured. The assets aggregate \$20,837.65, consisting of \$5,000 in real estate, \$1,400 in machinery and \$23,837.65 in book accounts due.

The docket for the February term of the United States district court, which opens at Burlington Feb. 23, were issued by Clerk Platt to-day. The following civil cases are set for trial: Matter of tugboat Paul Leroux; Roy McGowan vs. Postal Telegraph Cable company; Maud Rannels, admx., of Fred W. Rannels vs. town of Royalton; Hattie E. Moses vs. James K. Howe; William L. Moses vs. James K. Howe; George N. Ostrander vs. Amos N. Blandin and trustees; matter of Fraser Slate company, alleged bankrupt; matter of Martin H. Gibson, alleged bankrupt.

DINNER GUESTS POISONED.

100 Stricken After Banquet to Arch-
bishop Mundelein.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Health officials yesterday ordered an investigation into the poisoning of more than 100 guests at the University club dinner for Archbishop Mundelein Thursday night.

"It may be that ptomaine was responsible for the poisoning," said Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner. "But we are taking no chances. A practical joker might have been to blame."

None of those poisoned is in a serious condition. Archbishop Mundelein and Edward F. Dunne, governor of Illinois, were not affected.

NO OPINIONS FROM TAFT.

Ex-President Declines to Comment on
Garrison Resignation.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Ex-President Taft was approached yesterday for an expression regarding the sudden resignation of Secretary of War Garrison, but to all questions he only shook his head. "I've nothing to say concerning the resignation," he said, smiling affably, "I can't discuss it."

BRITISH STEAMER BEACHED.

Crew of Elswick Manor Taken Off Vessel
at Yarmouth.

Newcastle, England, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Elswick Manor, of 3,343 tons, has been beached at Yarmouth. Dispatches to her owners here yesterday said that her crew has been taken off.

CITIZENS' CAUCUS

The legal voters of the city of Barre, Vt., are requested to meet in Barre opera house in the city of Barre on Thursday evening, Feb. 17, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of nominating the following city officers, namely: Mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, first constable, second constable, three auditors, and three directors for the French's Barre library, each to serve for one year; also one assessor to serve for three years.

Per order of the Republican and Democratic city committees.

WARD CAUCUSES

The legal voters of the city of Barre, Vt., are hereby notified to meet in caucus at the usual polling places in their respective wards on Friday evening, Feb. 18, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating the following officers, viz.:

In ward two, alderman to serve for two years;
In ward four, alderman to serve for two years;
In ward five, school commissioner to serve for three years;
In ward six, school commissioner to serve for three years;
In ward six, alderman to serve for two years.

Per order of the Republican and Democratic city committees.

SOCIALIST CAUCUS

The Socialist legal voters of the city of Barre, Vt., are requested to meet in Socialist Auditorium, Granite street, in the city of Barre, on Friday evening, Feb. 18, 1916, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating the following city officers, namely: Mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, first constable, second constable, three auditors, and three directors for the French's Barre library, each to serve for one year; also one assessor to serve for three years.

Per order of the Socialist city committee.

SOCIALIST WARD CAUCUSES

The Socialist legal voters of the city of Barre, Vt., are hereby notified to meet in caucus at the Socialist Auditorium, Granite street, on Friday evening, Feb. 18, 1916, at 8:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating the following officers, viz.:

In ward two, alderman to serve for two years;
In ward four, alderman to serve for two years;
In ward five, school commissioner to serve for three years;
In ward six, school commissioner to serve for three years;
In ward six, alderman to serve for two years.

Per order of the Socialist city committee.

RUB RHEUMATIC, ACHING JOINTS AND STOP PAIN

Instant Relief with a Small Trial Bottle
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Rheumatism is "pain" only. Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop dragging! Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right into your sore, stiff, aching joints, and relief comes instantly. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and cannot burn the skin.

Limber up! Quit complaining! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" at any drug store, and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic pain, soreness and stiffness. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you. "St. Jacob's Oil" is just as good for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains.—Adv.

ATTACKED GIRLS' SCHOOL.

German Air Raiders Dropped Bomb on It
During Recent Raid.

London, Feb. 11.—A British official statement was issued last night on the attack on the Kent coast by German seaplanes on Wednesday, as follows:

"The first raider appears to have selected for his target a tramway car full of women and children, and the first bomb fell on the road close behind the car and exploded without damage. The driver pulled up immediately, and the passengers alighted. There was no panic, although the raider could be plainly seen circling round at a great height, and three more bombs were dropped in an adjoining field."

"The second raider made an attack on a large girls' school. One bomb fell through the roof and exploded in the upper story, doing some material damage. Portions of the ceiling fell into the room below, where a class of small children was being held. One little girl was slightly cut on the foot, and a maid was slightly injured."

"Three other bombs fell in the school grounds, where two exploded without damage. The third failed to explode. Two other bombs were dropped on outlying parts of the town, causing slight material damage. A woman received some cuts on the cheek."

"Within a few minutes of sighting the hostile air craft, naval and military aeroplanes went in pursuit but were unable to overtake them, owing to the precipitate nature of their flight."

BEACH HOUSE BURNED.

The Mineral Spring Hotel at Kennebunk
Beach, Me., Destroyed This Morning.

Kennebunkport, Me., Feb. 11.—The Mineral Spring house, a summer hotel at Kennebunkport Beach, was burned early to-day with all its contents. The firemen saved nearly property after a hard fight. The loss was \$15,000.

Pizana Caught.

Brownsville, Tex., Feb. 12.—Aniceto Pizana, alleged leader of the "Texas revolution" and held responsible for border troubles and general unrest last summer and fall, was captured late Thursday afternoon and brought to Matamoros, Mexico, opposite here, for incarceration according to an official report.

Lincoln's Birthday

is just one of a
score or more hol-
idays throughout
the year when
men are especial-
ly anxious to be
well dressed.

Every day of
the year, we are
here on the job,
studying ways
and means to
make the men of
Barre better
dressed—at the
lowest cost pos-
sible.

We're here to-
day to show you
anything you
want.

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Barre's Leading Clothiers

Barre, Vt.

B. & M. ADVANCING.

The Stock Rises to 49 1/2 in Late Trading
in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Boston & Maine common advanced yesterday to 49 1/2. Its advance was the feature of the late trading in the Boston market.

USE OF TELEPHONES BY NON-SUBSCRIBERS

Many complaints have reached us in the matter of the use of subscribers' telephones by non-subscribers. We find that subscribers are repeatedly requested to call non-subscribers to their telephones and that non-subscribers in a large number of instances make daily use of subscribers' telephones.

The use of the telephone under the subscribers' contract is confined to the subscriber, his family, his employees, and those in his interest; while there can be no objection to an occasional use in emergencies by non-subscribers, a frequent use of a subscriber's telephone, for the affairs of a non-subscriber, is not permissible under, and is a violation of, the subscriber's contract.

The company assumes that subscribers are willing to co-operate with it in curtailing such use. To that end, it requests subscribers to bring to its attention the names of non-subscribers making use of their telephones, which information will be treated as confidential.

We believe that it is in the interest of the subscriber as well as of the company to eliminate this frequent use of subscribers' telephones by non-subscribers.

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Extensive experiments have been carried on by the Lowell Fertilizer Co. in conjunction with farm experts. The results have proven that larger amounts of organic ammonia and phosphoric acid than are ordinarily used will practically act in the place of potash!

We have made fertilizers from nature's own prescription—animal matter, consisting of Bone, Blood and Meat. These fertilizers have been tested, and in every instance they have proven that good crops can be grown without the added expense of potash.

Read this letter from a progressive farmer who has tried the Lowell Fertilizer on his farm:

"In regard to fertilizers without potash, I used three kinds you sent me, with good results. They were compared with a few tons of last year's goods containing 8 per cent potash. These I planted in plots throughout the field, a ton or so in the plot, and when I dug my potatoes, I could see very little difference in the yield. I shall probably use 30 or 40 tons of your fertilizer next year, and if I cannot get potash at a fair price, will use without potash."

E. J. PARKER, Patten, Maine.

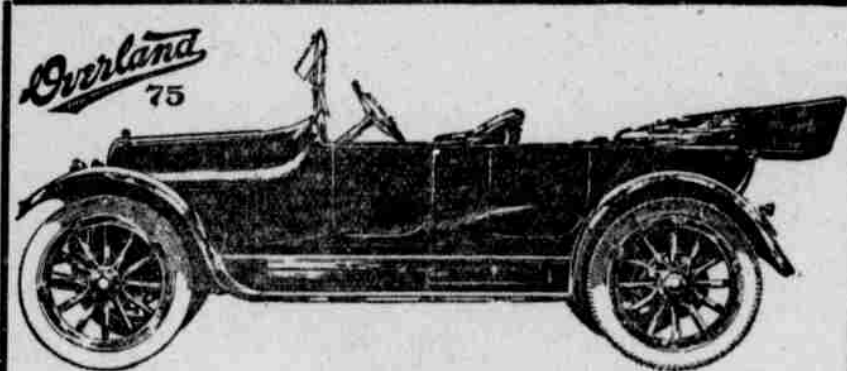
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